

In the Specification:

Please add, beginning at page 1, between lines 6 and 7, the following new section:

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This invention was made with government support under Contract No. AI 10085-33 awarded by the National Institutes of Health and Grant No. 614-001 awarded by the Veteran's Administration. The government may have certain rights in this invention.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, as follows:

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--Figure 2 is a SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of the purified hexavalent protein stained with CoomassieTM blue. Computer-assisted image analysis of the stained protein bands indicated that the hexavalent protein (M.W. 45 kDa) accounted for 86% to 89% of the total protein in ~~the~~ each sample.--